

The Cabinet

The tradition of the Cabinet dates back to the beginnings of the Presidency itself. Established in Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution, the Cabinet's role is to advise the President on any subject he may require relating to the duties of each member's respective office.

The Cabinet (during Hoover's Presidency) included the heads of 10 executive departments — the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, War, Navy, Interior, Labor, State, Treasury, as well as the Attorney General and Postmaster General. The current Cabinet includes the Vice President, and has 15 executive departments.

The Cabinet is extremely important to the President, as they are his closest advisors. Today, you get to think like President Hoover as it will be your job to work within a group to choose the best person for a specific cabinet position. Good luck!

Your job:

- 1) Read through all the materials your group receives regarding your cabinet position.
- 2) Use your "Who Deserves the Cabinet Position?" sheet to fill in pros and cons for each potential candidate.
- 3) Within your group, determine the rank order for each person being considered for the position.
- 4) Justify your choices in writing on the worksheet as requested.
- 5) Create a poster (with images!!) to present to the class including the order of your choices, and a brief description of justification of your choices. If you have time, please use the internet to locate pictures of the people for your poster!